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## Letter from Isaac G. Doolittle to James B. Finley

Isaac G. Doolittle

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 J. B. Finley  
 Columbus  
 Ohio



J. B. Finley  
 Columbus  
 June 1847

(27)

Springfield July 18<sup>th</sup> 1847

Mr. Finley Sir.

I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to inform you that I am doing well and am in good health, I am gaining strength every day. I am at work at the painting business and varnishing furniture occasionally I get \$12, per month with my board and washing, the man has not much work to do for two months, after that he will have more and will give me <sup>higher</sup> wages per month. The first job I done after I left Columbus was to varnish some drawers and shelves in a drug store. I have not spent but half of the five dollars that was given to me that was for my expenses to this place and for one pair of pantloons I came here from Columbus with a man that was coming on to Dayton in a carriage free I walk from Columbus to about ten miles, in the middle of the after noon this man overtook me and said that I could ride with him to Springfield for company sake, when I got to Springfield about twelve o'clock the next day and I stop at the National hotel and took dinner, and had for dinner, roast beef, mutton, pig veal, cherries, pies, cranberry pies, pudding and a variety of preserves and sauce of all kinds, every thing that could be wished for, and that was not all while I cast my eyes over the table (at which there was about 40 boarders were sitting,) I spied sever plates of Corn bread I did not partake of that dish for I <sup>thought</sup> had enough



to satisfy me, I intend to go home as soon  
as I get me some clothes that is decent and about  
twenty dollars in money I am saving every cent  
that I can so that I can be able to go home about  
the first of November which I think I shall be  
able to do if my health holds out good. I  
you should happen to come this way I should  
be glad to see you, inquire for Henry Nelson  
paint shop opposite the Bank please write to  
me. I spend all my evenings in reading, and attend  
the Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday,

Respectfully Yours  
J. G. Doolittle

N. B. Tell Clark and Trowbridge that I  
am doing well and using the paint brush in-  
stead of the dish rag.  
J. G. D.